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<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	Application No.	10/050,102
	Filing Date	18 January 2002
	First Named Inventor	Norman G. ANDERSON
	Group Art Unit	1634
	Examiner Name	F. Lu
	Attorney Docket No.	2316-150
Title of the Invention: <b>DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF MICROORGANISMS</b>		

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002 for one month from December 11, 2002 to January 13, 2002 (Monday). Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

<b>RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,</b>					
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